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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2005 in connection with the aboveidentified application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.